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Honorable John Foster Dulles  
Secretary of State  
Department of State  
Washington 25, D.C.

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I understand the reason why King Saud was invited to the United States. The situation in the Middle East is certainly one of real crisis. In the light of the situation there, the visit of King Saud of Saudia Arabia should be considered not in terms of its advisability his trip is an accomplished fact now---but in terms of what can be accomplished while he is here.

King Saud rules over perhaps the most critical region of the Arab world in the Middle East. It is the religious center of the Moslem world. Saudia Arabia with about 1/7 the population of the Arab world has nevertheless well over half its territory and a very large part of its principal resources---its oil riches. I believe, it is an open secret that without Saudia Arabian financial help the campaign of Arab chauvinistic nationalism carried on by Col. Nasser would probably be impossible.

Although I am fully cognizant of and sympathetic with the feeling of many who have expressed opposition to King Saud's visit because of his country's discrimination against American citizens of Jewish faith, now that he is definitely arriving here, our Government should use this opportunity to make maximum progress on the problems of United States Middle Eastern foreign policy.

First and foremost an end must be brought to the discrimination against American citizens by the Government of Saudia Arabia because they are of the Jewish faith. It is especially a grave retreat from the highest American tradition and principle that we should allow this discriminatory practice to be used against Americans serving in our armed forces. It is a situation which began in the previous administration and has continued into this administration.

We certainly want Saudia Arabia on the side of the free world. We should therefore find out whether the millions in oil revenue largely derived from American companies are to continue to help finance the heightening of tensions in the Middle East brought about by Col. Nasser and to back regimes in the Middle East strongly helpful to the communist cause.

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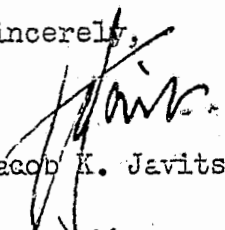
We in the United States want very much internal development, higher standards of living, and better social conditions for the people of Saudia Arabia---as for similar areas of the world. We should therefore find out why slavery is tolerated there and how this is compatible with membership in the United Nations or the principles of international law. Finally we certainly want the oil resources of the Arab world to be available for the peace and progress of mankind and for international trade on a basis of fair compensation without exploitation. We have a right to ask of Saudia Arabia how this is to be provided and whether it is to be dependable for the future.

The Senate adopted S. Res. 323 on July 26th last, protesting discrimination against U.S. citizens "based on their individual religious affiliations". I believe this expressed the overwhelming sentiment of the country. The resolution stated "that in all negotiations between the U.S. and any foreign state, every reasonable effort should be made to maintain this principle". Our Government has an especially favorable opportunity to implement this resolution on the occassion of King Saud's visit here.

There is nothing in what I have said that should in any way lessen the dignity, courtesy and hospitality which we in this country traditionally extend to any such visitor as King Saud. However, I feel it very necessary to specify the burning issues upon which we must make every effort to get real progress.

I would certainly appreciate any word from you that is compatible with our interest as to coverage of the above subjects with King Saud.

Sincerely,

  
Jacob K. Javits, U.S.S.

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cc: Office of Sherman Adams

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Dear Jack:

I have your letter of January 28. We will have  
very much in mind during our discussions with King  
Saud the points we know are of concern to the American  
people.

Sincerely yours,

JOHN FOSTER DULLES

John Foster Dulles

The Honorable

Jacob K. Javits,

United States Senate.

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